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Accused Italian Names 300

Probe Giant Soviet Spy Ring

ROME, March 23 (UPI) — Italian security agents today began checking 300 persons including Americans named by accused spy Giorgio (the flying madman) Rinaldi as part of a fantastic Soviet spy network stretching from Somaliland to Scandinavia.

Rinaldi, a parachute champion and James Bond fan who police said confessed to running the ring along with his chubby wife, supplied the names under questioning at Turin yesterday, counter-intelligence sources said.

Rinaldi's 300 names might include actual spies, persons the Soviets listed as possible espionage recruits or persons who might be cultivated for data on North Atlantic Treaty Organization bases in Europe, Africa and the Middle East, they said.

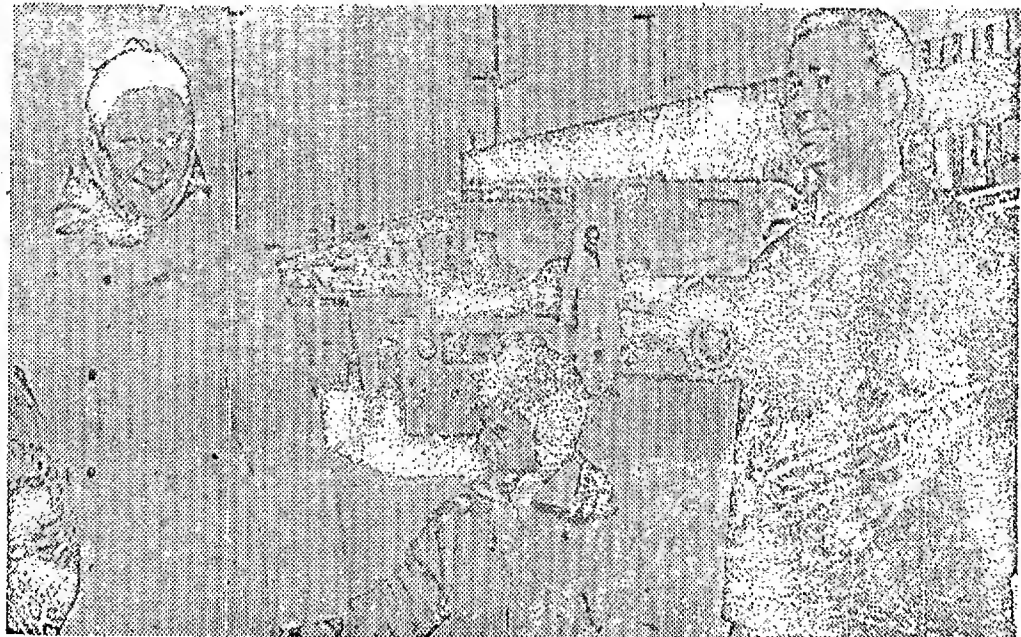
The sources said it appeared baffling one spy could know so many names. "But the whole organization of this ring was so uncommon that anything is possible," one security official said.

They said details of Rinaldi's ring matched the cloak and dagger impact of the James Bond mysteries found in the accused spy's home.

As Rinaldi talked, Soviet Embassy diplomat Yuri Pavlenko, expelled for his part in the network, left Rome with his wife and six-year-old son on a Czech airliner. Italian sources said agents caught the Pavlenkos collecting microfilm Rinaldi had cached near Rome.

They said Rinaldi, using his reputation as a parachutist and his teaching career as a cover, spied on four American bases in Spain including the nuclear-powered submarine installation at Rota, near Cadiz.

Rinaldi, 39, his wife Angela, a



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Expelled Soviet diplomat Juri Pavlenko, 35, his wife, Natalia, and son, Alexander, 6, leave

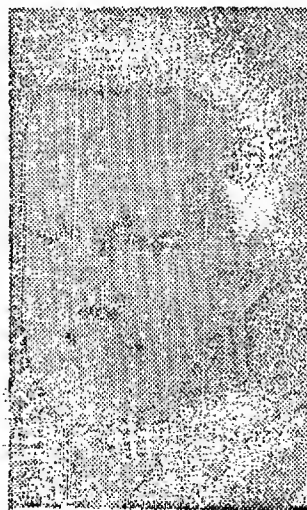
Rome's Fiumicino Airport for Moscow after the spy ring was uncovered.

52-year-old former Mussolini-era woman soldier, and their alleged courier-chauffeur, Armando Girard, 40, faced prison terms of 15 years if convicted of espionage and life terms if sentenced for stealing "state secrets."

Intelligence sources said Rinaldi began working for the Soviets after falling heavily into debt. They said he identified his first spy contact as Alexei Solovov, a Soviet embassy official expelled from Italy in 1958. They said Rinaldi told of leaving data in a Rome church for Solovov to pick up.

Later he began leaving messages at the Turin Zoo, in the suburbs and, sometimes, in letters. The March 15 arrest of Girard led to the seizure of the Rinaldis, police said.

According to reliable sources, Italian officials have given the U. S. Central Intelligence Agen-



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cy a full report of American involvement in the Rinaldi ring. They said the American names

supplied by Rinaldi, and given to the CIA, appeared to be code names.